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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 857

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A RESOLUTION to designate a segment of U.S. Highway 127 in Cumberland County as the "Veterans Memorial Highway."

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, this meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the courageous members of the United States Armed Forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to the present war-torn land of Afghanistan, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cumberland County have requested that a certain route be named to honor and recognize all those brave sons and daughters of Cumberland County who sacrificed personal concerns and their safety, with many of them giving their lives, so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the segment of U.S. Highway 127 in Cumberland County, from its Plateau Road Intersection south to the Intersection at State Route 68, is hereby designated the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Route 127 as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if Cumberland County, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Cumberland County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Cumberland County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Cumberland County

shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Cumberland County Commission.